



City Manager Update

June 24, 2022

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS/PROGRAMS

1. Chamblee Summer Concert Series - 4th of July Celebration: Keswick Park, 5-10pm

GOAL A: CREATE A GREATER SENSE OF COMMUNITY IDENTITY

The focus of this strategic goal is to promote the city as a unique place with which residents are proud to identify. We are unpretentious and proud of the hard work ethic that has been developed from a history that spans from farms to industry. We are an inclusive community that is a destination where you can start your career, open your business, raise your family, and retire. We will achieve our goal through implementing objectives that reinforce and promote our city brand in a way that defines who we are and draws people who are in alignment.

1. **Chalk Walk:** Four professional artists have been confirmed and registration is nearing 50% (anticipate ~30 participants). To register for the community chalk competition and for more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/ChambleeChalkWalk22.
2. **Website:**
 - a) Staff held a joint meeting with Code Conspirators (website content contractor) and Revize (website host/design) to discuss the layout of the homepage and the department pages.
 - b) Staff met with Code Conspirators to begin discussions of kick off meetings with each department to discuss website content and discussed the plan for the new website's site map.
3. **Special Event Applications (pending):**
 - a. DDD Foundation: Dental Dash at Dawn 5k – November 5, 2022

GOAL B: SUPPORT A THRIVING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

The focus of this strategic goal is for the City to be responsive to the needs of current businesses as well as co-create programs and policies that support sustainable growth. Chamblee will create a business climate that has a sustainable mix of uses (retailers, companies, and industry) that provides a mix of jobs for all skill levels and career stages. Chamblee will become known in metro Atlanta as a great place to do business, as an affordable place to live at every stage of life, and for its unique blend of tradition and innovative spirit.

1. The Planning and Development Department staff conducted a pre-application meeting with the developers of the proposed business "The Tap" (3509 Broad Street).

2. The draft memorandum of understanding between the City of Chamblee and the Latin American Chamber of Commerce (LACC) was updated and sent for a review to the LACC. The LACC is also in the process of confirming the Plaza Fiesta meeting place for the third business roundtable, which will be held in Spanish.
3. Chamblee business e-newsletter sent June 16 (Join us for the Chamblee Chalk Walk on Monday, July 4th):
 - a. 312 contacts; 290 subscribers
 - b. 37.2% open rate (Peer average is 38.2%, list average is 30.8%)
 - c. 0.3% clicks (Peer average is 6.2%, list average is 2.5%)

GOAL C: PROMOTE A HEALTHY AND SAFE LIVING ENVIRONMENT

The focus of this goal is two-fold. First, to create an active and sustainable community that does not sacrifice assets or commodities that have future value for today's economic development or political gains. Secondly, we want to create and maintain a feeling of safety where people feel secure to live and participate in our community.

1. **Arrow Creek Park:**
 - a. Construction grading is set to begin this week at the open field. The contractor is scheduled to start the week of June 20th and be completed in 2 weeks (weather pending). The dirt removed will be hauled to Dresden Park for use in the Stream Restoration project.
 - b. The city engineer has been asked to explore the potential of adding a connection trail from Arrow Creek to Dresden Park.
 - c. Additional two sports courts with soccer, pickleball and basketball abilities to be completed after the field work.
2. **Former MARTA Pond Revitalization:** Geotechnical testing for proposed wetlands & retaining walls has been completed and we are awaiting results. Park design will be based on findings.
3. Play It Safe Playground Inspection completed inspections of six playgrounds and the fitness zone. Findings showed one structure at Dresden that needed immediate repair, otherwise all other findings were minimal such as graffiti present, swing mat needing buried, etc.
4. **Public Works:**
 - a. Locker Room Renovations – 4 concepts submitted to staff. Staff selected one concept and provided revisions to the design team.
 - b. MS4 Annual Reporting – Complete and sent to EPD.
 - c. Mowing on the ROW and FEMA Sites

- d. Staff completed patch repair and removed steel plates at 539 New Peachtree Road and 3652 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road

GOAL D: DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN STRONG MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIONS

The focus of this goal is to improve and maintain a strong level of connectivity in the community; remembering that there are multiple forms of transportation that are and will be valued in the future. Chamblee will be a walkable and connected community where people have several options for getting around, both within the city and to important destinations outside the city.

1. 2022 Paving Project is on-going
2. **Peachtree Road Bridge Improvement:** Pedestrian panels scheduled to be delivered by July 5th. Installation is scheduled for 2 weeks (pending weather). Striping to be added to bridge for “Delivery Only.”
3. **Rail Trail Segments 5 & 6 + Pierce Dr.:** Boardwalk section behind Senior Center is being redesigned. Intend to use state contract vendors for installation.
4. **Rail Trail Segments 7 – 12:** Kick off meeting with GDOT and Heath & Linebeck is scheduled for July 27.
5. **Chamblee Tucker Multi-Use Path:** Kick off meeting with GDOT and Prime Engineering is forthcoming.
6. **N. Peachtree/N. Shallowford Roundabout:** Utility and property owner coordination is on-going. ROW acquisition and utility relocations will drive schedule.
7. **Nancy Creek Trail:** United Methodist Church has provided permission to begin surveys and start design on the trail through this property.
8. **Parsons Drive/Perimeter Park Connector:** Survey is scheduled to be completed July 11. Design to be completed by end of 2022.

GOAL E: PROVIDE QUALITY GOVERNMENT SERVICE THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

Chamblee is a well-managed city that works cooperatively with adjacent governments to reach common goals. The city believes in transparent government that actively strives to positively engage all citizens and community groups.

1. Mayor, Council, City Manager, and Deputy City Manager attended the Georgia Municipal Association, and the City Clerk attended the Clerks Conference this week.
2. Staff met with the contractor and HVAC firm to discuss ongoing issues at the Public Safety Building. The architect, contractor, and HVAC service provider are discussing next steps to resolve long-term issues.

3. Staff is conducting initial department business plan meetings until the beginning of July. Department heads will have until the mid-August to complete the first draft of their business plan.
4. Staff has kicked off presentations to departments on the employee engagement survey results. Find Great People has established an anonymous feedback survey that will be sent as a follow-up to employees after the presentations have been conducted.
5. Staff coordinated with Keep Chamblee Beautiful (KCB) to complete documentation regarding roles and activities that maintain certification for KCB, MP3, and the Green Communities program.
6. Parks and Recreation staff completed a cost analysis of 2022 programs and rentals, as well as a cost comparison to 10 surrounding communities.
7. Parks and Recreation staff coordinated a CPR/First Aid/AED Training for Administrative Staff at City Hall and Planning & Development. Fourteen employees completed the course and are now American Heart Association certified.
8. Trespass Affidavit Program (TAP): A safety meeting was held at Trackside with Parkside Partners.
9. Homelessness Initiative & Comprehensive Plan:
 - a. Staff issued 6 co-responder clinician referrals.
 - b. Patrol Supervisors were requested to have officers' complete identification information for emotionally disturbed persons, and properly note the type of call on the CFS and incident report.

JULY AGENDA ITEMS

1. PZ2021-993: Chamblee (Vijay Dr) Townhomes and Mixed-Use Rezoning and DCI - 5007 New Peachtree Road and 1100 Vijay Drive. The public hearing was held in May, and the decision has been deferred to July.
2. PZ2022-1009: Variance to install a digital reader board sign on a tall non-conforming pole sign at Chamblee Plaza - 5544 Peachtree Rd. Public hearing was held in June and the decision was deferred to July.
3. PZ2022-990: SFR rear setback variance for large workshop addition - 2277 Lawson Way. Public Hearing to be held at June Council Work Session. Public hearing was held in June and the decision was deferred to July.
4. Approval of Professional Engineering Firm for Dresden Park Master Plan
Implementation: Staff solicited for professional engineering firm proposals to provide all professional services normally anticipated for design, permitting, and construction phase service for the design of Dresden Park. Seven firms responded to the request

and were scored by the selection committee. The top three firms were invited to give presentations and were scored on the presentation and cost.

5. Approval of contract for the Dresden Streambank Restoration project: City is working with WK Dickson to value engineer project within budget and negotiate with the low bidder, Clean Water Consultants.
6. Housing Study Presentation
7. Events and Community Engagement Presentation